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TAGS: AORG, APER, UNESCO
SUBJECT: UNESCO: RECRUITMENT OF AMERICANS

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1. IT IS PERMDEL'S UNDERSTANDING THAT DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT IT WILL NOT SEEK TO PLACE AN AMERICAN IN POSITIONS OF ASSISTANT DIRECTORS GENERAL WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ADMINISTRATION IN UNESCO, BUT RATHER WILL SEEK POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE. IMPLICIT IN THIS DECISION IS ASSUMPTION THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL APPOINT ONLY ONE HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN.

2. WE HAVE RUMOR FROM ONE GOOD SOURCE THAT ALTHOUGH ADG FOR EDUCATION TANGUIANE HAS HAD HIS CONTRACT EXTENDED, HE MAY RPT MAY BE RECALLED BY HIS OWN GOVERNMENT. WE REPEAT THIS IS A RUMOR, AND WE HAVE IT ONLY FROM ONE SOURCE. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET VERIFICATION FROM OTHER SOURCES YET, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO TRACK THIS ISSUE. WE ASSUME THAT SHOULD ADG FOR EDUCATION POST FALL VACANT, DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH TO
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REASSESS ITS PRIORITIES FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN POSITION.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL FROM REFTEL THAT DG HAS DECIDED TO NAME RAO (INDIA) TO POST OF ADG FOR PROGRAM SUPPORT. POST OF ADG FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION STILL VACANT.

4. PERMDEL IS NOW IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM A WELL QUALIFIED AMERICAN, RESIDENT IN PARIS, STATING HIS INTEREST IN AN ADG POSITION IN UNESCO ADMINISTRATION. ALTHOUGH LETTER IS WORDED IN SUCH A WAY THAT NO DIRECT REQUEST FOR USG SUPPORT IS STATED, IT IS EVIDENT THAT THIS IS WHAT WRITER IS SEEKING, AND IN ANY EVENT, SHOULD HE FILE HIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY WITH UNESCO, THE BUREAU OF PERSONNEL WOULD ROUTINELY ASK PERMDEL WHETHER OR NOT USG SUPPORTED THE CANDIDACY.

5. IN LIGHT OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF DEPARTMENT'S POLICY NOT TO SEEK AN ADMINISTRATIVE ADG POSITION IN UNESCO, PERMDEL BELIEVES APPLICANT SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT HIS CANDIDACY. WE ARE MAKING ROUTINE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF ABOVE-CITED LETTER, AND REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY TO FOLLOW UP WITH ORAL COMMUNICATION IN WHICH WE STATE THAT DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO SEEK TO PLACE AN AMERICAN IN POSITION OF ADG FOR ADMINISTRATION, AND, THEREFORE, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE APPLICANT'S CANDIDACY. REQUEST REPLY BY JULY 25, AS APPLICANT IS GOING ON VACATION IN AUGUST, AND IN FAIRNESS TO HIM, WE FEEL WE SHOULD MAKE POSITION CLEAR ASAP.

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